

# Trinity Episcopal Church

*Offering companionship along the Way*

## Third Sunday in Lent

### March 8, 2026

**Prelude** Organ improvisation on tune *A la venue de Noël*

**Processional Hymn 152** Kind Maker of the world

*A la venue de Noël*

*Priest:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endures for ever**

*Priest:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy**

Christine Gevert 2021-02a

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy, have  
mer - cy on us. Lord have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us pray together our collect:

**Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**A Reading from Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it,

so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 95**

Tonus Peregrinus

- 1 Come, / let / us sing to the / LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the / Rock of / our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before / his presence with thanks- / giving \*  
and raise a loud / shout to him with / psalms.
- 3 For the / LORD is a great / God, \*  
and a great / King a- / bove all gods.
- 4 In his hand are / the caverns of the / earth, \*  
and the heights of the / hills are / his also.
- 5 The sea is / his, for he / made it, \*  
and his hands have / molded / the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us / bow down, and bend the / knee, \*  
and kneel before the / LORD our / Maker.
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and / the sheep of his / hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would / hearken / to his voice!

### **A Reading from Romans 5:1-11**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn** “I heard the voice of Jesus say”

*Kingsfold*

*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to **John 4:5-42**

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Minute of silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

The Prayers of the People Form 6

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**  
For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**  
For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**  
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**  
For the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially (leave time for names to be added.)  
Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**  
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. On our parish cycle of prayer we pray for  
Stuyvesant Bearns, David B. & Marian Beers, and Roy & Lin Bickley, and their families.  
We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**  
We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Especially  
Alice Gustafson (We leave time for other names to be added.) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon  
them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

## The Confession

*Pastor:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace**                    *Please wave during the peace instead of touching.*

*Pastor:*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:*            **And also with you.**

## Announcements

**Offertory Hymn 470** There's a wideness in God's mercy

*Beecher*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Priest:*            The Lord be with you.

*People:*            **And also with you.**

*Priest:*            Lift up your hearts.

*People:*            **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:*            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:*            **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

Christine Gevert 2021-02a

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and". The second staff contains: "earth are full of your glo - ry. Hos - san - na in the high - est." The third staff contains: "Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music consists of a simple melody with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Lamb of God

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sins\_\_ of the world,\_\_ have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "on\_\_ us, on\_\_ us, Grant\_\_ us peace,\_\_ grant us\_\_ your peace.\_\_". The second staff includes first and second endings (1.2. and 3.) for the phrase "on\_\_ us, on\_\_ us, Grant\_\_ us peace,\_\_".

## The Gifts of God for the People of God

**Communion Hymn 706** In your mercy, Lord, you called me

*Halton Holgate*

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are offered.  
Due to the uptick in flu we are not drinking from the chalice, only intinction.*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Lenten Prayer over the People**

**Closing Hymn 707** Take my life, and let it be

*Hollingside*

**The Dismissal**

*Pastor:* Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Organ improvisation on tune *Hollingside*

Serving Today

*Preacher and Celebrant:* The Rev. John Allison

*Minister of Communion:* Theresa Kenny

*Lector:* David Booth Beers

*Epistler:* Hotchkiss student (alt. Bill Jenks )

*Intercessor:* Diane Walters

*Flowers:* none - Lent

*Counter:* John Lloyd

*Altar Guild:* Mike Cuoco

*Greeter/Usher:* Diane Walters

*Verger:* Geoff Brown

**Announcements**

**Sunday, March 8** 4:00 PM "La Cecchina"  
at Saint James Place Great Barrington, MA

**Sunday, March 15** 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Rev. Libby Wade Preacher & Celebrant  
Noon Vestry Meeting

**Sunday, March 22** 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Rev. Libby Wade Preacher & Celebrant

**Sunday, March 15** 8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
10:30 AM Rev. Kathleen Killian Preacher & Celebrant

### Weekly Schedule

**Mondays** 5:00 PM Crescendo rehearsals in Walker Hall

**Tuesdays** 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM Taichi Practice with Christopher Kiely in Walker Hall  
5:30 PM Crescendo rehearsals in Walker Hall

**Wednesdays** 6:00 PM Women's AA in Walker Hall  
6:15 PM Trinity Choir Rehearsals

**Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon— Parish Administrator, Patricia Signorelli every Sat.  
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